

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

Estimate for appropriation for the fish hatchery, Texas.

FEBRUARY 2, 1893.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *March 2, 1893.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a communication from the United States Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, dated to-day, submitting an estimate for the completion of the fish hatchery, Texas, as follows:

"Fish hatchery, Texas: For the completion of the fish-cultural station in Texas, authorized by the act of Congress approved August 5, 1892, \$5,000.

Respectfully, yours,

CHARLES FOSTER,
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

U. S. COMMISSION OF FISH AND FISHERIES,
Washington, D. C., March 2, 1893.

SIR: In accordance with the act approved August 5, 1892, providing for the establishment of a fish-cultural station in the State of Texas, I have selected a site near the city of San Marcos, and arrangements for the purchase of the same are being made. The appropriation covered by the act referred to was \$10,000; this sum, however, after the payment of the preliminary expenses of examination and purchase of site, will leave a balance of appropriation insufficient to permit the erection of the necessary buildings, ponds, introduction of water supply, and other incidental expenses required for the work.

By reference to my report to Congress relative to the establishment of fish-cultural stations in the Rocky Mountain region and Gulf States (Senate Mis. Doc. 65, Fifty-second Congress, first session, p. IV), it will be seen that I have estimated as necessary for the establishment

of this station the sum of \$15,000. If the difference between this estimate and the sum appropriated by the act referred to, \$5,000, be appropriated, it will enable me to complete the station.

I have therefore to request that an item appropriating \$5,000 be inserted in the deficiency bill, now in the hands of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. The following phraseology is suggested:

Fish Hatchery, Texas: For the completion of the fish-cultural station in Texas, authorized by the act of Congress approved August 5, 1892, \$5,000.

Very respectfully,

M. McDONALD,
Commissioner.

Hon. CHARLES FOSTER,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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